

# Steven Stem

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
<i>Bachelor of Science Candidate, Biology</i>	May 2024
<i>Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Spanish</i>	May 2024
GPA: 3.95	

Programs of Note: Presidential Scholar, University Honors Program, Study Abroad in Madrid, Spain

## LANGUAGES & SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish (highly proficient)  
**Lab tools:** microscopes, Bunsen burner, burette, thermal cycler, centrifuge, vortex  
**Lab techniques:** agar plating, gram staining, bacterial inoculation, PCR amplification, biostatistics  
**Software:** Microsoft Office, SPSS (biostatistics), MESQUITE (phylogenetic trees), BLAST (sequence analysis software), MUSCLE (multiple sequence alignment)

## ACADEMIC PROJECTS

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- “Population Dynamics of The Chagas Disease Vector (*Triatoma infestans*) in El Salvador”
  - “Analysis of Plant Growth Promoting Rhizobacteria from *Juniperus californica*”
  - “Effects of shade vs. sunlight on temperature, light absorbance and transpiration rate in *Heteromeles arbutifolia*”

## RELEVANT BIOLOGY EXPERIENCE

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<b>Loyola Marymount University, Biology Department</b>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
<i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Genetics</i>	2019 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hold office hours for students, assist students with problem solving, grade assignments and collaborate with professor (8 hours/ week)</li></ul>	
<i>Biology Internship/ Translator (San Salvador, El Salvador)</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collaborated with Professor of Biology Dr. Carmona on a research project and received Honors Ambassadorial Grant to travel to El Salvador and present at the first Climate Change Conference in San Salvador, El Salvador</li><li>• Translated the biology research into Spanish and facilitated communication between the researchers and the audience at the conference (2-3 hours/week pre-trip; 4 day trip to El Salvador)</li></ul>	

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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<b>Carstens &amp; Cahoon, LLP</b>	<b>Dallas, TX</b>
<i>Summer Intern (Trademark)</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted with opening trademark files and completing trademark search reports and applications (40 hours/week)</li></ul>	
<i>Summer Intern (Patent)</i>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted with patent files, including drafting letters, copy editing patents, and creating Information Disclosure Statement charts (40 hours/week)</li></ul>	
<b>Loyola Marymount University</b>	<b>Los Angeles, CA</b>
<i>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Spanish</i>	2018 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graded assignments and created activities for Spanish 101 and 102 courses</li></ul>	
<i>Front Desk Student Assistant for Student Housing Office</i>	2018 – 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked front desk in dorm, provided information, facilitated sign-in, and secured facilities</li></ul>	

## ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

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Recipient of William McLaughlin Scholarship for Biology majors	Dean’s List
Recipient of Honors Ambassadorial Grant	RHA Outstanding Member of the Year
University Honors Program	Kappa Alpha Theta
Tri Beta (University Honors Biology Society)	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant
Finance Assistant for Kappa Alpha Theta	Operations Officer for Resident Hall Association